

Mississippi

MAY 13 1955

University of Michigan
University Library
Library Science Library

LIBRARY NEWS

UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN

JUL 14 1955

LIBRARY SCIENCE
LIBRARY



OCIATION
DATES

UTURE
RITAGE
PLANS

BRARY
AINING
ANSION

CH. 1955

ume 19

umber 1

1
CENT
1
CENT
1
CENT

Mississippi Library News

MARCH, 1955
Volume 19 **Number 1**

**Issued Quarterly
 By**
**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY
 COMMISSION**
AND
**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY
 ASSOCIATION**

LIBRARY COMMISSION BOARD

Mrs. E. B. Nash, West Point, Chairman
 Mrs. C. C. Jennings, Sardis, Secretary
 Mrs. C. A. Doster, Durant
 Mr. Donald E. Thompson, State College
 Mr. J. W. Hudspeth, Cockrum

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President _____ Manie Berry
 Capital Area Regional Library, Raymond
 Vice-President _____ Mary Jo Finger
 Clarksdale Public Schools
 Secretary-Treasurer _____ Sybil Ann Hanna
 Jackson Municipal Library

EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor _____ Lura Currier
 Library Commission
 Business Manager _____ Donald Thompson
 State College
 College Library Representative _____
 _____ Virginia C. Robinson
 Mississippi State College for Women
 School Library Representative _____ Sue Coltharp
 Potts Camp
 Public Library Representative _____ Mattie Milner
 Library Commission
 Special Library Representative _____
 _____ Dr. W. D. McCain
 Department of Archives and History

TABLE OF CONTENTS

On the Cover

Eunice Eley was honored by the Library Commission Staff at Open House on her last day as Commission Director. Here Peggy Maddox, cataloging assistant, is serving her from the tea table.

2

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Now—Comments from the floor, Please (Editorial) _____	Page _____
News from the Association _____	_____
News from the Commission _____	_____
Public Libraries _____	_____
School Libraries _____	12
College Libraries _____	14
Special Libraries _____	20
American Heritage Project _____	22
Libraries Aid Community Development _____	24
Mississippi Historical Society Meets _____	28
Inside U. S. A. _____	29
Personalities in the News _____	29

Who?

Librarians, Trustees
 Friends of Libraries

What?

Mississippi Library
 Association MEETING

Where?

Hotel Buena Vista
 Biloxi

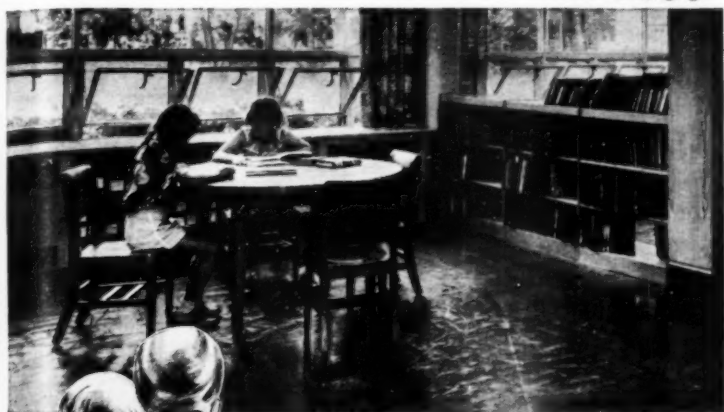
When?

October 20, 21, 22

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS MARCH

Page 1

Your Library Plan needs
RULING PEN...MORTAR...AND *T.L.C.**



Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, Illinois



IT TAKES ruling pen and mortar to design and build a library. But, to make it *live* as an exciting land of reading adventure the *plan* must be generously sprinkled with **T.L.C.**

This Wilmette Public Library children's room, as well as the adult areas, received just such devoted personal care from Remington Rand's Library Bureau, in cooperation with the librarian and architect. Details were planned to encourage greater adventures in the world of books. Miss Helen Siniff, librarian, says with pride, "Our library is attractive and inviting. I think this accounts in large measure for our high circulation."

Quality LB products, 75 years of unmatched experience in library planning, and the personal service of an LB specialist are available to you.

FREE handbook "Planning The Public Library," LB643 Rev. 1, has ideas you can use. If you earnestly plan for a *living* library in your community, write us now.

*The physician's age-old child care prescription—**Tender Loving Care.**



Remington Rand

1711 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 13, La.
341 Madison Ave., Memphis 3, Tenn.
2216 Fifth Ave. N., Birmingham 3, Ala.



NOW -- COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR, PLEASE

Ever since the Association and the Commission joined hands in issuing *Library News* the complexion of the publication has been changing. Broadening the sources of contributions and support has enlarged the amount and scope of interest.

Where do we go from here?

At the October session of MLA last year (1954, Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson) the Editorial Board met and considered many changes: color, art work, format, type style. Almost no item involved in its make-up was left unexamined. Then prior to this issue (the first of a new volume) many, many suggestions were made. "It ought to be in two columns; by all means, leave it in one column." "Why don't we have a colored cover? Let's leave it like it is." Let's do something different with it right now, this issue. Now be careful and don't go too fast in making any changes." "We want more pictures. We are interested only in type style." "It ought to be more dignified. We want it pepped up and made more informal."

All of these suggestions have been helpful — and frustrating. The only way this Editor and Board knew to go about it was to make a few changes — temporary ones, to be sure — (after all there is nothing deathless in setting type on a way in March and another in June) and offer them as a trial balloon.

What do you think? Examine it and criticize it in detail. If you think change ought to be made "but not so soon" then what do you mean by "not so soon"? 1956? 1960?. The next issue? Two issues from now? The next volume? Is the two column arrangement easier to read? harder? more attractive? less? Do you like the "bleeding" (yes, that's what it's called) of the photographs? and what of the department labels — do you like them or are they too "Dewey-eyed"? Had you been the editor, where would you have done differently — in the article themselves, in the make-up, in the type style? This *Library News* is ours — Association members' own publication. Let's have the benefit of your candid opinion. Nobody ever hesitates to send this office exactly what he thinks! And we hope no one never will. (What interesting reading we find in the files under *Library News* — Suggestions!)

Remembering the fable of the man, the boy and the donkey, and knowing that more than likely the Editorial Board will end up carrying all three, we submit this issue — with its partial, hesitant and impermanent changes — and ask for COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR, PLEASE.

DIXIE BOOKBINDING CO.

E. H. Young, Proprietor

**Bible -- Library Binding -- Gold Lettering
Ruling -- Loose Leaf Binding**

215 S. FARISH - DIAL 3-1483 - JACKSON, MISS.

MISSISSIPPI OWNED OPERATED

In writing please mention this ad

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ALA MID-WINTER MEETING CHICAGO, 1955

To: Members of the Mississippi Library Association
From: Anona Jenkins, Council Representative to the American Library Association

Here follows a summary of Council discussion and action at the 1955 Mid-Winter meeting:

a. The ALA Council voted to accept "A Guide to Microfilming Practices" which was submitted by Donald D. Holmes, Chairman of the ALA Committee on Photo Duplication and Multiple Copying Methods. Mr. Holmes emphasized that the principles presented were to be thought of as a guide and should not be considered as standards.

b. The nominating Committee's report as set forth in the December 1954 ALA bulletin was submitted.

c. Two book lists were announced to Council: one the annual list of *Notable Books of 1954* selected by a committee of the Public Libraries Division; another a list of 1954 *Adult Books Recommended for Young People* selected by Division of Libraries for Children and Young People. Copies of these lists may be obtained from ALA Headquarters.

d. The second council session was devoted to Presidential reports from the President of the Association and the seven division presidents. This session was the first of its kind and it is hoped that this practice will continue as another means of communication within the Association.

e. Flora B. Ludington, Chairman, ALA Committee on Boards and Committees, submitted her committee's report and recommendations on which action was taken. Discontinuance of the ALA Bookbinding Committee and the joint ALA-Library Binding Institute Committee, and establishment of a Board of Bookbinding for libraries with functions as defined in the committee report.

f. The report of the committee on

STATE MEETING SET

MLA has scheduled the annual meeting for Hotel Buena Vista on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 20, 21, and 22. The Executive Board voted to have one session on Thursday evening, all day meetings on Friday with the banquet scheduled for Friday night, and end the Conference with luncheon at noon Saturday.

Program plans sound exciting with ALA's president-elect, John Richards of the Seattle Public Library, definitely scheduled to be on hand for the entire meeting. This will be Mr. Richards' first visit to the South and he has expressed himself as being particularly eager to see everything he possibly can of Mississippi and Mississippi librarians, particularly since his ALA meeting in Miami in 1956 will be the first national meeting held in many years in the South.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES NAMED

President Berry announces the following committee chairmen to serve the Association in making plans for the annual meet to be held at the Buena Vista in Biloxi, October 20, 21, 22:

Exhibits—Beth Love, Keesler Field Air Base, Biloxi

Hospitality—Mrs. Mary Henley, Trustee, Biloxi Public Library

Local Arrangements—Maria Persons, Gulfport

Publicity—Kay Cooley, Library Commission

Program—Mary Joan Finger, Clarksdale

Other Chairmen Named

In addition to the Conference Committees, these chairmen have been named to serve on general association assignments: Standards and Planning, Lura Currier, Library Commission; Recruiting, Margaret Nation, State College; Federal Relations, Eunice Eley, Library Commission; Membership, Alberta Edmondson, Jackson Public Schools.

divisional relations was presented to Council. In view of the importance to the Association of the current Management (Continued on page 6)

PLAN TO ATTEND THE COAST CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER Pay Association Membership Dues

(\$1.00 for individuals; \$2.50 for institutions)

to: Miss Sybil Hanna, Municipal Library, Jackson, Mississippi

ROSTER OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

(as of March 15, 1955)

Adelaide, Sister, M. R.S.M., Lbn. St. John School, Gulfport
 Ajax, Mrs. Al, Jr., Cataloger & Reserve Lbn., Northwest Reg. Lib., Corinth
 Alexander, Mrs. Josephine, Lbn., All Saints Episcopal Jr. College, Vicksburg
 Anderson, Mrs. Irvin, Member Library Board, Fisk Public Library, Natchez
 Austin, Mary Jo, Sr. Lbn. Ref. Dept., University
 Backstrom, Eliza, Lbn., Quitman Special Consolidated School
 Bailey, Scott, Trustee, Meridian Public Library
 Barnett, Mrs. Grace, District Manager, World Book, Jackson
 Baxter, Mrs. Ruth W., Asst. Lbn., U. S. Enterprises, Jackson
 Baxter, Mrs. Ruth W., Asst. Lbn., U. S. Veterans Adm., Jackson
 Beazeale, Mrs. T. C., Asst. Lbn., Vicksburg Public Library
 Berry, Manie L., director, Capital Area Regional Library, Raymond
 Bethea, Glida, Lbn., East Forest High School, Petal
 Birchett, Mahala M., Vicksburg — Retired
 Bizzell, Ora, H. S. Lbn., Shelby
 Bowie, Mrs. Laura Melton, Lbn., Durant High School
 Boyce, Mrs. E. G., Lbn., Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson
 Brady, Mrs. Lois, Lbn., Public Library, Lexington
 Breland, Mrs. Viola, Lbn., Wiggins Consolidated School, Route A, Wiggins
 Broach, Jeanne D., Lbn., Meridian Public Library
 Brown, Maie, Lbn., High School, Crystal Springs
 Bruns, Joseph S., Salesman, Jenkins Book Co., New Orleans
 Cannon, Mrs. Daisy, Lbn., Tchula
 Clark, Mrs. Jennie Beth, Lbn., Columbia High School
 Clark, Stanley R., Asst. Circulation Librarian, State College
 Clinton, W. R., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
 Collins, Q'Milla, Lbn., Canton High School
 Coltharp, Sue, Lbn., Potts Camp High School
 Cooley, Kay B., Circulation Lbn., Miss. Lib. Comm.
 Couty, Martha, reference librarian, Miss. Lib. Commission
 Cox, Bernice, Lbn., Merigold High School
 Culbertson, Beulah, Lbn., M. S. C. W. Currier, Lura, director, Miss. Lib. Commission
 Curtis, Mrs. W. E., Asst. Lbn., Meridian Municipal Jr. College

Dakin, Elizabeth, Asst. Lbn., Delta State College, Cleveland
 Davis, Nell, Lbn., Lauren Rogers Library & Museum of Art, Laurel
 Davis, Whitman, Oxford, Life Member
 Retired
 Dent, Mrs. Frances B., asst. lbn., Capital Regional Lib., Raymond
 Derden, Mrs. M. P., Lbn., Yazoo City Lib. Asso.
 Drake, Christine, Field Rep., Ext. Dept. University
 Dwyer, Mrs. Alice G., Lbn., Columbus & Lowndes County Library
 Eaton, Mrs. Jeannine T., Asst. Lbn. Lee County Library, Tupelo

(continued on page 19)

M L N

(Cont'd. from page 5)

ment Survey and the bearing the findings may have on the Committee's Recommendations, Council voted to defer action until the Philadelphia Annual Conference in July, 1955.

g. Miss Julia Bennett made a report on the Library Services Bill. Miss Bennett believes the prospects for passage during the current Congressional Session are good.

In addition to Council, there were many other very interesting meetings. One was the Library Association Officers Workshop in which the problems of successfully planning and executing state association meetings were discussed. The keynote talk at the Workshop and one of the outstanding ones of the entire conference was made by Lura Currier, Director of our own State Library Commission. She discussed in a most interesting and charming manner just what the association members want from the state meetings.

The 700 members attending Mid-Winter had the privilege of attending an open meeting of the Executive Board on the last day of the Conference. At this time a preliminary progress report on the ALA management survey was heard from States Mead of Cresap, McCormick and Paget. Mr. Mead related the methods carried on in the survey and pointed up Association strengths and weaknesses and expressed the hope that with the views gained during this meeting from the members and from the survey findings so far, the survey report will be able to point out and suggest means to overcome the weaknesses existing in the organization and administration of the Association. The final report of the survey will be given at the Philadelphia Annual Conference in July.

State
rs Li
l
ember
apito
City
Dept
ambus
Lib
find
s Rec
defe
nnual
report
Ben
assage
Ses
were
etings
Offi
blem
cuting
scuss
kshop
of the
Lura
te Li
in a
anner
want
-Win
ng an
Board
e. A
report
y was
o, Me-
elated
urvey
lengths
hope
g this
from
survey
t and
weak-
n and
The
given
erence



AT YOUR SERVICE—Here is the professional staff of the Mississippi Library Commission. Photographed together for the first time on January 28 when the Commission staff had open house for Mrs. Eley, they seldom find themselves all in at the same time. Currently they are "on tour" in a concentrated effort to visit every library in the state. Full details of this extended tour will be reported in subsequent issues of *LIBRARY NEWS*. Reading from left to right: Martha Couty, librarian in charge of technical processes, reference work, and book selection; Mattie Milner, field representative in charge of library extension; Eunice Eley, recently resigned as director of the Commission, now serving as administrative assistant; Lura Currier, former field representative who is now director of the Commission; Kay B. Cooley in charge of circulation and work with schools.

FRUIT BASKET TURNOVER

No matter how often you have visited the offices of the Library Commission you are still a candidate for what we laughingly call the "dollar and a half tour."

We have moved! Where? Nowhere; just moved. Still occupying the exact number of square feet of office space in the same location, we had to make adjustments within these confines for more shelving room, more workspace and new activities.

One of our visiting librarians from out of the state put it as neatly as anyone when she left this note for Mrs. Clark: "I wanted to give you this book but I couldn't find your desk."

The reference and reading room now occupies the space where the director's office was formerly. The circulation department is at the entrance where the bookkeeper and receptionist was. Martha Couty now has the entire east room

(Continued on page 26)

NEWS

021.82

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Excerpts from the official correspondence of the Library Commission chart the chronological story of contemporary events.

From Mrs. E. B. Nash, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, July 15, 1954: "The Mississippi Library Commission Board has accepted with genuine regret Mrs. Eunice Eley's resignation as Director of the Commission. We feel keenly our loss because we recognize that most of the progress of libraries and interest in them is due to her work . . . she has agreed to remain until a suitable person is found . . . We, as Board members, know that we cannot find someone to take her place, but by her willingness to stay on we have time to select her successor."

From Mrs. E. B. Nash on January 18, 1955: "Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Jackson, has been elected by the Mississippi Library Commission to the position of Director of the Commission, effective February 1, 1955. Mrs. Currier brings to her work the needed professional training and experience, and an understanding of our state . . . We feel sure that she will be untiring in her efforts to continue the progress of library work in Mississippi. We bespeak for her your interest and cooperation."

From Lura Currier, January 25, 1955: ". . . Eunice Eley has consented to stay on with us in the position of Administrative Assistant. There is no adequate way to express our joy that Eunice's skill, knowledge and enthusiasm for Mississippi's libraries are still to be ours . . . Professionally, it will mean a great deal to the library program of the state to have her services on many special projects . . . Personally, it will mean a great deal to the new Director to have her wise counsel and to continue to benefit from her leadership."

THE JENKINS BOOK COMPANY

IS

SELLING AND DISTRIBUTING THE WONDERFUL
"PARAGON BINDINGS"

OF

DON R. PHILLIPS
VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

- Prebound Preprimers
- Reading Readiness Books
- Many Other Lines
- Over 1,300 Titles Available
- Basic Science Series

WRITE US FOR DON PHILLIPS NEW CATALOGUE

THE JENKINS BOOK COMPANY

740 St. Charles Ave.

New Orleans 12, La.

Reported by Mattie Milner

Clarksdale Public Library

The following schedule of events sent by Anona Jenkins speaks for itself and shows why this is an outstanding library:

February 7-14—International Photography Exhibit by Dr. Francis Wu, Hong Kong. Sponsored by Clarksdale Camera Club

February 14-March 14 — Exhibit of Paintings by Mrs. Hobart Hector

February 22—An Evening of Hi-Fi by Bob Dennis

March 14-21—Japanese Exhibit by Sgt. Kelly Gay and Mrs. Durwood Blakey

March 15—Informal talk by Sgt. Kelly Gay on Japanese Exhibit

March 21-28—Jewish Tercentenary Art Exhibit

March 21—Lecture on Jewish Art by Rabbi Alexander Kline

April 1-15—A. I. A. Honor Awards Panels

April 15-May 15—Audubon Art Tour of Original Paintings of Birds by Contemporary Artists, sponsored by the Coahoma County Conservation League

Weekly Art Appreciation Lectures, Monday nights, 7:45 p.m.

Weekly American Heritage Discussion Group, Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Film Showing

Monthly Story Hour

Staffs of Two Regions Hold Meeting

In order to stimulate interest, to compare operations and just to have a good time together Augusta Richardson and Jim Housel planned a meeting of the staffs of the two regional libraries at a half-way point between the First and the Northeast Regional headquarters. This was in Holly Springs which played host for the day. The program offered opportunity for staff members doing similar work in the two libraries to get together and talk things over. Branch librarians, bookmobile staff, circulation and reserve clerks compared notes and questioned each other as to "Why do you do it that way?" "How do you get this done?" and exchanged ideas and received help and inspiration just from being together and seeing others who face similar problems. The Holly Springs High School provided the place and served lunch. Dr. Dorothea B. Morse, head of the University Library Science Department, was consultant for the meeting and brought helpful suggestions and encouragement to all those present.

Copiah County Library, Hazlehurst

Mrs. Benjamin Simmons delivered reading certificates and prizes to the winners at the regular council meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs which met at the library in January. The reading program is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs, the Copiah County Library and the Mississippi Library Commission. One hundred twenty-six members took part in the reading program, reading a total of 1123 books (though much reading was done that was not reported). Certificates were delivered to 31 members who had a maximum amount and quality of reading. Mrs. E. F. Bailey of Allen Club won a book, SATURDAY EVENING POST TREASURY. Allen Club also won \$5.00 for reporting the most books read, which was 172. Reading sheets for 1955 were given to members.

Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen

Lucile Peacock says so much goes on at the library there is hardly time to write about it but she adds: REQUESTS, REQUESTS, REQUESTS. Over the desk and by the telephone they have tumbled in. The Read-A-Book Radio Program has included such participants as: the County Superintendent of Education; the American Heritage Discussion Group from the Wren Branch Library; a speech teacher's class; music pupils from several classes; the American Legion Auxiliary; Girl's Sextet from High School; a local dentist during National Dental Health Week; The Junior Twentieth Century Club on Monroe County Authors and Musicians; the Lanier Club of Okolona; etc, etc, etc . . .

As never before the library has provided source of material for columnists in Aberdeen and Tupelo. Some of their subjects include: Steamboating on the Tombigbee; Record of the First Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors; An Early Monroe County Tavern; Names of County Authors; outlaws of 125 years ago; history of churches; the old opera house in Aberdeen; the library's collection of Bibles, one of which dates back to 1109; research for an artist who is painting coats-of-arms.

Every first Wednesday of the month the newly organized and enthusiastic Aberdeen Genealogical Society meets at the library. The outstanding recent exhibit at the library was that of the paintings of Mrs. Eugenia Eckford

Rhoads, a Mississippi native now living in Wilmington, Delaware. The artist contributed one of her beautiful paintings to the library.

Lee County Library, Tupelo

Elizabeth Holcomb says: "Life is never dull at this library. Although it is a source of great satisfaction to the staff that the number of men who visit the library is on the increase among them are several who add spice to life and stand out as patrons the library remembers. There is the backwoodsman from a neighboring county who drops in every month with his lunch pail to spend the day catching up on his reading. With his large black hat on top of his head, sitting astride a chair, he spends the day reading about Jessie James, Kit Carson, "Settin' Bull", Private John Allen, and other favorites. A stooped Spanish-American war veteran with a red rose in lapel and a draw-string bag in hand comes to check out books regularly for himself, his wife and his wife's sister. A sociable soul, he always brings chewing gum to distribute in the library and he insists that each and all "have a coke on me." Although he lives only one block from the library he lingers until a likely person with whom he can "catch a ride in my direction" departs. A bewhiskered long-haired man looking like a master violinist recently made his appearance. After requesting a New York paper he spent the afternoon reading newspapers and magazines and attracting much attention. Others: a former Tupeloan who drives 35 miles every two weeks to check out mysteries; a twelve year old boy who puts the librarians to shame by the quantity and quality of historical reading he does; a young Tupelo poet and budding author who, though now in college in another state, comes back to his home town library for inspiration and information and "ultra books"—ultra classics, or ultra modern; the college lad who will read almost anything if he can be the first, or among the first, to check it out; and the ex-professor, who spends many an afternoon reading folklore and history which always remind him of something that happened to his grandpa, uncle or cousin.

"Lee County Library's bookmobile performs a service unique, perhaps, for most bookmobiles. It sponsors a book review club for women in East Tupelo who "have always wanted to belong to a book club." During the warm months this club meets twice a month under the shade of a tree on the bookmobile parking lot. Fall, winter and spring meetings are held in the homes of club

Lowndes County Library, Columbus

Mrs. Alice Dwyer says the library has had a face lifting which includes a newly decorated reading room with comfortable chairs, a reading lamp and space for exhibits.

Oktibbeha County Library, Starkville

For her library, Mrs. Frances B. McKay has secured a new section of double-face shelving and a dictionary stand.

members. At the February meeting Mrs. Aaron Morgan, an East Tupelo teacher, reviewed **THE GENTLE HOUSE** by Anna Perrott Rose.

"The library is putting into practice a suggestion gleaned at the Mississippi Library Association meeting. Magazines are now being kept in magazine and pamphlet boxes, which is not only a more satisfactory arrangement but keeps the magazines clean and free from dust."

HUNTTING'S

NEW REVISED (1954-1955)

STANDARD JUVENILE CATALOG

Indicates Titles For Which

**WILSON CATALOG CARDS
ARE AVAILABLE**

OVER 10,000 TITLES INCLUDED

—SUPPLIED IN

**PUBLISHER'S BINDING
HUNTING QUALITY BUCKRAM
PLASTI-KLEER® ECONOMY BINDING**

also the most complete selection of prebound

**PRIMERS AND READERS
and EASY BOOKS**

**If you have not received your copy
send for it today**

THE H. R. HUNTTING CO.

**29 Worthington Street
Springfield 3, Mass.**



**Over a Half Century Serving
Libraries and Schools**

*Trade-Mark of Bro-Dart Industries, Inc.

First Regional Library, Hernando

From Jim Housel: Mrs. Jeanne Hardendorff joined the staff January 1, 1955 as young peoples' and childrens' librarian and assistant director in charge of Hernando-Senatobia branches. Jeanne is a Mississippi girl who comes to the First Regional by way of Brooklyn Public. She graduated from Columbia Library School. Sardis is planning a new city hall with a large section set aside for the Sardis Branch library. Louise Cox has been working as bookmobile librarian since September 1954. Miss Cox is a graduate of Blue Mountain College where she minored in library science. Mrs. Jesse Oakes has been working as a clerical assistant in the headquarters library since October 1954. DeSoto County's Citizen's Library Movement elected the following new officers for the executive board: Mrs. J. J. Gannaway, Jr., President; Mrs. Sam Cooke, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Ray Turman, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Joe Eli Lauderdale, secretary; Mrs. Wayne P. Bridwell, Treasurer; Mrs. Milton Jones and Mrs. Joe Day directors at large. Panola County CLM is planning a reorganizational meeting soon. Mrs. W. F. Turman has been appointed member of the Regional board of trustees. Lafayette County CLM had an indoor picnic at the Oxford Community House in November. Members from all parts of Lafayette County were present.

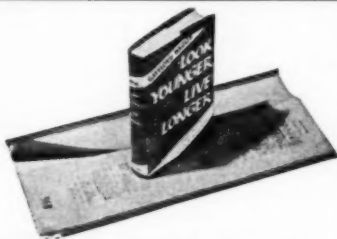
Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point

These are just a few of the activities that Lucile Miller says are taking place in the regional library: Mr. Fred Wright, Amory attorney, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the library to succeed Mr. E. J. Gilmore who had resigned because of the pressure of other responsibilities. Mr. Wright was elected treasurer of the board at the January meeting.

Staff members of the library are co-operating with women's clubs in the area. Mrs. Robert Bullen, bookmobile librarian, was guest speaker at the Woman's Club in Starkville recently and gave brief reviews of a number of current books. Mrs. Albert Pippen, assistant librarian, was on a similar program in West Point at the New Century Club. Mrs. Pippen has also been appointed state chairman of Library Extension for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Club and will welcome any suggestions for the year's work.

Lucile Miller, director, and French Early, trustee, were present at Houston on February 4 for the dinner and organizational meeting of the Northeast Mississippi Council. Mr. Early was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Council.

INCREASE CIRCULATION at less cost



WITH PLASTI-KLEER Book Jacket Covers

Increase Circulation by:

- Use of Jacket to attract readers . . . and to vary reader interest.
- Use of rear cover for library public relations.
- Adding color, brightness to library.

Save Dollars by:

- Substituting for lacquering of books.
- Use of Call No. Label (instead of hand lettering book spines).
- No cutting and pasting in of synopsis.
- Eliminating about 75% of re-binding.



LIBRARY EFFICIENCY CORPORATION
A DIVISION OF

BRO-DART INDUSTRIES

78 EAST ALPINE STREET • NEWARK 5, NEW JERSEY

Vicksburg Public Library

Mary Sherard sends this: Paper book bags being given away by the library to patrons are proving quite popular. Not only are the bags useful in making books easier to carry but they furnish protection to books in rainy weather, and also give good publicity since the name of the library is printed on the bags in large, blue letters.

The weekly radio program of the library, *The Bookshelf*, is now entering its second year. For the past year *The Bookshelf* has been heard every Monday evening at 6:15—an ideal time between the broadcasts of Fulton Lewis, Jr. and Gabriel Heatter. Now our time has been sold to a "more prosperous" customer and we have been given the time at 6:45, which appears to be about as good.

Northeast Regional Library, Corinth

Augusta Richardson reports: On Friday evening, January 14, 1955 the library held Open House and an autograph party in honor of Henry Dalton, a local writer whose book of poetry HILL BORN won the award given by the Kaleidograph Press for the outstanding book of poetry for 1954. Hal Phillips, local author whose latest book KANGAROO HOLLOW was published in England in August, was master of ceremonies and presented Mr. Dalton, who read selections of his poetry. It was the first time any of the prize winning poetry had been read in public in Corinth. There was a capacity crowd in attendance for the occasion with a number coming from Hernando, Sardis and Iuka. Refreshments were served with Lilly May Galyean, trustee, presiding at the tea table, assisted by members of the headquarters staff. Assisting as hostesses were Mrs. Mildred Sawyer, society editor of the *Daily Corinthian*; Mrs. George Chambers and Mrs. McGuire of the Virginia Book Shop, and Mrs. Augusta Richardson, director of the Northeast Regional Library.

Harriett Person Memorial Library, Port Gibson

Gretchen Guthrie writes: "Imagine our surprise on receiving a request for a long list of Mississippi farm bulletins from Kungl, Lantbukshogskolan, Uppsala, Sweden. How, we wondered, had they ever heard of our library? . . . but, since we were displaying a poster which carried two large question marks and the caption, YOU HAVE THE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE THE ANSWERS. VISIT YOUR COUNTY LIBRARY, we

Winston County Library, Louisville

According to Mrs. Ruby F. McGraw, these are some of the things happening at the library: The library committee of the Fortnightly Club of Louisville presented a cash donation of \$215 to the library. In addition, the chairman of the committee and her husband donated fluorescent light fixtures for the building, which makes a great improvement for the library; a doctor friend of the library contributed a subscription to the new *American Heritage Magazine*, which has just begun publication and will come in hard covers; some minor repair work on the building is being financed by the city; the books are being cataloged; the library has regular contacts with the newspaper and radio station which publicize library service and new readers are constantly being added in this way. Many county Home Demonstration clubs come to the library for their reading.

Holmes County Library, Durant

Mrs. Rhyne says she is endeavoring to build up the reference books at the central library and at the several branches throughout the county. With the help of the Library Commission she has discarded old and worn books and others that are sub-standard. In order that the children's department may have only books of recognized worth she is eliminating all "series" books and gradually building a standard children's book collection so that parents and teachers may be sure that the children will have only the best from which to select their reading.

In keeping with the current interest in art and the feeling on the part of most libraries that it is a privilege to display works of art in the library, the Durant library held a Currier and Ives exhibit for a week during February. The Gamma Club of Durant sponsored the show which is one of five exhibits shown throughout the country by the Travelers Insurance Company, owners of this and several other exhibits.

felt compelled to answer the request and so we hurried off to the office of the county agent where we received five pounds of bulletins which were sent to Mr. Lars Frykholm at the first possible moment. Although we still do not know how Mr. Frykholm heard of us, the bulletins were received and promptly acknowledged.

Reported by Sue Coltharp

MEA Speaker

Mrs. Dilla McBean, Director of libraries of the Chicago Public Schools and Vice-President of the American Association of School Librarians, was the speaker for the Mississippi Association of School Librarians during the M.E.A. on March 18, at the new Jackson Municipal Library. The meeting was well attended and Miss McBean made a most stimulating talk.

Workshop

A date to circle is July 25-29. That is the date for the workshop at Mississippi Southern College. Miss Sybil Baird, Librarian at Indian Springs School, Helena, Alabama, will be the consultant. The subject for the week's work will be "Reading Guidance." Undergraduate credit can be earned for this work. The record of last summer's workshop on reference can be obtained by writing Miss Koonce's office.

Nationwide Workers

In the December, 1954 issue of *School Libraries* (official publication of the American Association of School Librarians) can be found the AASL Committees. Several Mississippians are listed there. They are Mary Love, Jackson, Committee on Committees; Sue Coltharp, Potts Camp, Magazine Evaluation Committee; Jennie Beth Clark, Columbia, School Libraries Editorial Committee; Annabelle Koonce, Recruitment Committee.

Assistants' Meetings

There have been several regional meetings of student assistants. At the December meeting of the South Central Region, which was held at East Forrest High School at Petal, Miss Koonce showed slides and spoke on The "Evangeline Country."

Region III met in Winona on January 29. Region VII met at Perkinston Junior College on March 12. Mae Rogers, Pascagoula, is president of the librarians' group in this region. The program included an illustrated talk on her recent trip to Europe by Gilda Bethea, Librarian of East Forrest High School. Miss Bethea is active in her own Region II.

Region VI met at Potts Camp on February 24. There were approximately 100 students representing Horn Lake, Batesville, University High, Arkabutla, Macedonia and Byhalia. A very interesting program had been planned around the theme, "Mississippi in Books." Mrs. Louise Thompson, Curator, Mississippi Room, University Library, delightfully told of Mississippi (continued on page 15)

Here and There

Mary Jo Finger, Clarksdale, and Annabelle Koonce attended the Mid-Winter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago. Mary Jo as president of our state association, served as state assembly member to AASL.

More and more good news is being reported in elementary school libraries. In Morton Public Schools the elementary teachers met with the Library Supervisor to discuss the purchase of elementary library books and the means of making more books available to each elementary pupil. The school has acquired the CHILDREN'S CATALOG and ALA'S BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES to use for future purchases. If no centralized place can be found from which to circulate the books, they plan a systematic means of exchanging books among the grades within the school.

The principals of the elementary schools of Meridian and the elementary coordinator held a meeting to discuss the problems of the selection and use of library books in their schools.

Mrs. S. F. Magee, high school librarian, and the principal of the elementary school at Monticello were requested to write an article on their newly organized centralized elementary school library. It will appear in the *Educational Advance* in March or April.

The high school library at Cary, Mrs. Mary E. Nay, Librarian, is being moved into a larger room which will enable it to give better service to the students.

Mrs. Frances Lord of Basin School, R.F.D., Lucedale, has an attractive new workroom in her library. There was not enough space for a full workroom, but she has counter and cabinet space. Later this year a sink will be added, walls will be tinted and floor covering will be put down.

Many paintings done by students are on display in the library at Hinds Junior College.

The library club of Amory High School, sponsored by Mrs. Roberta Abney, Librarian, has had two social activities this year. The first was a tea in honor of the faculty. Officers of the club formed the receiving line and welcomed the faculty as they arrived. Other members of the club served punch, sandwiches and cake. It so happened (continued on page 15)



FRONT VIEW NO. L-100 CHARGING DESK

the new *Prestige*
line of library furniture
by Southern Desk Company

Featuring *Mellow Oak* finish, the charging desk illustrated is sectionalized to fit any library need. Ask for Catalog 36 to see illustrations and details of the entire comprehensive line. Suggested layouts gladly furnished you on request, without cost or obligation.



Rear view

We are also specialists in the manufacture of

AUDITORIUM SEATING
CLASSROOM SEATING
CAFETERIA TABLES AND CHAIRS
CHURCH FURNITURE

FOLDING TABLES AND CHAIRS
LABORATORY FURNITURE
OFFICE FURNITURE



SOUTHERN DESK COMPANY

• HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

(Po
Materia
her talk
attracti
by one
Univers
a histor
Dorothe
School,
versity
library
was the
the Stu
issippi
The t
by the
bers an
English
study o
and, w
Sank O
lar to
All qu
were o
Mr. Ow
club a
bookma
scenes
An i
at the
ing a l
rowed
brary)
Mississ
brary
a table
Mississ
brary
photog
placed
It wa
The da
Club s
around
pened
of M.E.
Pilot C
have
social
club.
cludin
cake.
mense
one. I
has ad
gave
JUNIO
MARO

(Potts Camp - - from page 13)

Materials from "A to Z." To illustrate her talk she gave each student a very attractive booklet with drawings done by one of the library assistants at the University. The booklet also included a historical map of Mississippi. Mrs. Dorothea B. Morse, Director of Library School, University, spoke on the University Library and the importance of library service as a career. Miss Koonce was there to bring news from SLAM, the Student Library Assistants of Mississippi.

The theme of the day was carried out by the Potts Camp Library club members and the Junior English class. The English class had concentrated on a study of Mississippi books and authors, and, with their English teacher, Mr. Sank Owen, they presented a skit similar to the "Two for the Money" show. All questions asked the contestants were on Mississippi books and authors. Mr. Owen was moderator. The library club also gave the visitors souvenir bookmarks with sketches of Mississippi scenes on them.

An interesting display was arranged at the entrance to the auditorium, using a literary map of Mississippi (borrowed from Northeast Regional Library) surrounded by book jackets of Mississippi books (borrowed from Library Commission and M.S.C.W.). On a table in front of the map was placed Mississippi books (borrowed from Library Commission) with the author's photograph (borrowed from M.S.C.W.) placed on top of the book.

It was not planned, but it did happen! The day before the meeting the Lions Club set out magnolia trees all the way around the school campus!

— M L N —

(Amory - - from page 13)

opened that Miss Odin Haas, president of M.E.A., was in town to speak to the Pilot Club, and they were delighted to have her at their tea. Their second social was a luncheon for the library club. The menu was well planned, including salad, sandwiches, home-made cake. The members enjoyed this immensely and can't wait to have another one. For assembly programs this club has advertised four of their books. They gave skits from *GIRL TROUBLE* and *JUNIOR MISS*. For *DANCING STAR*,

by Malvern, two of their members who take dancing gave a number. To advertise *GREAT BANDS OF AMERICA* one of the boys played a march by John Philip Sousa. A narrator acted as master of ceremonies.

— M L N —

Now is the time for all good school librarians to turn their attention to membership in professional organizations. No doubt you have already joined or renewed your membership in the Mississippi Library Association, and you are thinking about the Mississippi Association of School Librarians. The constitution of this organization states that the amount of fifty cents should be paid annually by each member and that these dues be used to help defray the expenses of the chairman, who is by virtue of this office, our state representative to the American Association of School Librarians, to the ALA convention.

Be a good librarian—come to the state meetings—and pay your dues!

LIBRARY FURNITURE



Manufactured to your specifications out of
Selected hardwoods

Finished to your requirements

First in Quality

First in Beauty

First in Workmanship

That's Myrtle fine furniture
for

Mississippi Libraries
Distributed exclusively by

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SUPPLY COMPANY
116 E. South St. Jackson, Miss.

By Virginia C. Robinson

UNIVERSITY OFFERS GRADUATE TRAINING

A graduate Library School was established at the University on Dec. 16, 1954, when the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning approved the recommendation of Chancellor J. D. Williams. The curriculum for the Master of Library Science degree is built on undergraduate programs offered in the colleges of the state. A list of the requirements may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School. *History of Books and Printing* will be taught by J. S. Hartin, Director of Libraries, during the summer session. Dr. Dorothea Morse will head the library school.

Susan Hamilton Smith, Junior librarian in the Cataloging Department resigned January 15, to accept a position with Southwestern in Memphis, while her husband attends Medical school at the University of Tennessee.

Alice R. Collins, A.L.A. state membership chairman, urges all Mississippi librarians to pay their national dues so that the 1955 membership quota may be reached. Miss Collins is also state chairman of the A.L.A. Division of Cataloging and Classification.

Helen Trott of the Circulation Department played the role of the mother of the actress in "Light Up the Sky," faculty-staff play presented Feb. 18th. She has had a leading role in each of the five annual productions.

Louise Thompson spoke to the Marshall County Federated Woman's Club and to the Centennial Club of Oxford on the subject *Mississippiana*.

Dr. Dorothea Morse and Louise Thompson attended the meeting of the Student Library Assistants at Potts Camp, Mississippi on February 24. Mrs. Thompson spoke on the Mississippi Collection, Mrs. Morse on the new graduate library science program.

Recent visitors to the Mississippi Room: Mrs. Frances Gatewood, secretary to Senator John Stennis, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Bell Irwin Wiley, History professor, Emory University; Mrs. Paul Fuetze, National Board Member, Y. W. C. A., Athens, Ga.; Dr. William G. Pollard, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; M. Jean M. Porrier, Paris, France.

Recent gifts to the Mississippi Room: *MSS OF THE GOLDEN LIE AND SEARCH FOR A HERO*, presented by the author, Thomas Hal Phillips; a novel (1887) set in North Mississippi entitled, *PTOCOWA, A STRANGE SAD STORY OF 15 YEARS IN DIXIE, AS TOLD IN A SINGLE NIGHT*, by Col. S. L. Harmon, presented by Mrs. Clyde Lindsey of Charleston; *LUELLA BLASINGAME, or, THE BLUE AND THE GRAY*, by J. M. Clark, presented by W. A. Lauderdale of Hernando.

Recent addition to the Mississippi Collection is Dr. Allen Cabanis's *AMALARIUS OF METZ*, a new study of a ninth century ecclesiastic, published in Amsterdam, to complement his treatise, *AGOBARD OF LYONS*, published in 1953. It will be followed by monographs on contemporaries of Agobard and Amalarius. The author is Professor of History at the University of Mississippi.

The University Library is cooperating in the University Scholars' program now in its third year, by granting special stack privileges to outstanding students.

Hallie Eggleston is serving on the Standing University Committee on Student Financial Aid.

NOW . . .

Free Pick-up Service

To ALL Mississippi

WRITE TODAY FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

SOUTHERN LIBRARY BINDERY CO.

228 Woodland Street

Nashville 6, Tennessee

Home Reading Courses, approved for Epsilon Sigma Omicron, a program of Adult Education Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, are administered through University Extension with the aid of the University Library and the Mississippi Library Commission. A charter for the Mississippi Chapter was granted in 1952. Reading courses have such titles as Art, This Amazing World of Science, American Fiction, Music, the Only Universal Tongue, Poetry, Grow Old Gracefully and American Fiction. The Reference Department of the library and the Department of Program Planning compiled the newly issued home reading course list. Federated club women may obtain books through the Reference Librarian, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, when local library facilities are insufficient.

A library and memorial room will be provided in Carrier Hall, new Engineering Building.

The University Library has assisted the Department of Program Planning in compiling bibliographies on subjects of special and current interest to citizens of the state.

M L N

All Saints Episcopal Junior College

The library's goal of adding 6,000 books during this school year is well within reach as the total was 5,500 in February.

Nash Burger, native Mississippian, who reviews books on religion, the South, and Russian propaganda for the New York Times has presented the library with recent books such as *PERSONALITIES AROUND PAUL*, by H. Ralston; *THE LEES OF ARLINGTON*, by M. Vance; *ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS*, by M. R. Krythe. His interest was aroused while on a lecture assignment at the college.

M L N

Mississippi State College

Miss Willie D. Halsell attended the meetings of the Mississippi Historical Society in Vicksburg, Feb. 25-26.

Donald Thompson attended the Mid-Winter meeting of the A.L.A. in Chicago, Feb. 1-4.

Miss Willie D. Halsell reviewed, *GOOD MORNING, MISS DOVE*, by Frances Gary Patton for the Starkville Pilot Club, January 16.

Northeast Mississippi Junior College

Mrs. Hazel Gardner, Librarian, reports an interesting panel discussion at the February 9, faculty meeting on the general topic, *The use of the library at Northeast Mississippi Junior College*. The discussion was led as follows: Mrs. Gardner, "The present situation at Northeast"; Mrs. Fred Marshall, "The Use of the library by Northeast students"; Mr. Marion Kelley, "Best Methods of improving the use of the library"; Mr. W. H. Wilson, "Hindrances to the best use of the library."

M L N

Perkinston Junior College

District VII of Student Library Assistants met at Perkinston March 12, with Miss Mae Rogers, Pascagoula, and Mrs. Violet Breland, Wiggins, presiding as president and secretary. Among officials and librarians present were Annabelle Koonce, State Supervisor for School Libraries, and Gilda Bethea of Petal.

Humphrey Olsen, librarian, was on leave for six weeks during February and March due to illness. Mrs. Grace Olsen, his wife, took over part of his library duties.

M L N

Delta State College

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dooley of A.L.A. headquarters were guests at the December 10 meeting of the library sponsored discussion group under the American Heritage Project.

The library was designated a government depository in the third Congressional District on January 31.

Courses taught by Miss Mabel Brister in the summer session will be: *Books and Related Materials for Children and young people*, 5 hours; *Classification and Cataloging of Materials*, 4 hours.

Recent staff activities: Attendance at the Como training session led by R. E. Dooley, Dec. 11—Elizabeth Dakin and Eleanor Harkins; book review by Eleanor Harkins at the February 11 meeting of the Book Club of the Cleveland Woman's Club *SO YOU'RE GOING TO ENGLAND* by Laughlin.

On December 19, Miss Charlotte Gilbert and Thomas Lindsay, a student in the School of Business, were married.

During the period September 1954-January 1955, total book circulation and attendance in the reading rooms have increased 60 per cent in comparison with corresponding months a year ago.

Mississippi State College for Women

Hobby Exhibits: (1) Books on early American art in connection with a display of tray painting by Mrs. R. C. Burts, M.S.C.W. Social advisor, an expert on early American design. (2) A shell collection loaned by Miss George Sehon, biology professor, brought attention to books on collecting and other nature study hobbies. (3) Twenty salon prints by the nation's foremost wildlife photographers (National Audubon Society) March 4-24, focused attention on photography hobby. (4) Oil paintings by Virginia C. Robinson, associate librarian, displayed in the Art Department Gallery, Feb. 1-28, stimulated others to try painting.

A new course has been added to the Library Science Curriculum: *The Use of Books and Library Materials*, one semester hour credit. Open to all students, it will aid college careers and recruitment.

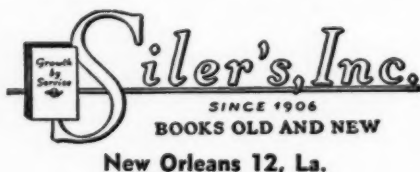
Miss Joan Neal ('54) and John David Hyatt were married Feb. 26. Mrs. Hyatt is bookmobile Librarian and Mr. Hyatt is head cataloger at Racine, Wisconsin.

Miss Patti Carr, president of student government and Miss Sally Ann McLeod, president of Theatre Guild, both senior Library Science majors, have been honored by election to M.S.C.W.'s Hall of Fame.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, trustee, and Miss Jeanne Broach, librarian of the Meridian Public Library visited the Library Science Department on January 7.

Quote from Jo Ann Scott ('52) who has risen to a head position in the Howard Hughes Research Library in Los Angeles: "Nothing can be duller than a library; it's the people who use it who make it interesting."

Mrs. A. K. Stokes of Hope Plantation near Greenville and her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Schick of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, visited the library Feb. 14 for archeological research preparatory to their tour of Crete. Mrs. Stokes edited William Alexander Percy's *OF SILENCE AND THE STARS*. She knew the poet as a neighbor.



DISTRIBUTORS OF BOOKS FOR ALL PUBLISHERS

LARGEST STOCK OF TECHNICAL BOOKS IN THE SOUTH

Also Representatives of

WILCOX-FOLLETT LIBRARY BOUND BOOKS IN MISSISSIPPI

Write For This Catalogue

Send us your Want List of out of print books. Search and quotations submitted without obligation or cost.

Mississippi Southern College

Miss Anna M. Roberts and Mrs. Mary Jo Magee attended the Mid-Winter ALA meeting in Chicago.

Miss Maude Anderson, Circulation librarian and G. Cameron Smith of Hattiesburg were married January 2, 1955. Mrs. Smith will continue her library work at Mississippi Southern.

The Library Science Department and the State Department of Education will hold a Workshop in School Library Problems, July 25-29, with Miss Sybil Baird, librarian of Indian Springs School, Helena, Ala., as guest consultant.

The Library Science Department will offer during the first summer term, July 6-July 15: Organization and Administration of School Libraries, Book Selection, Cataloging and classification; second term, July 18-August 12, Books and Related Materials for Children, Books and Related Materials for Young People, School Library Reference Material, Advanced Reference and Bibliography. Audio-visual Education and Practice Work will be offered both terms.

M L N

(Continued from page 6)

Eggleston, Hallie, Circulation Lbn., University
 Eley, Mrs. Eunice, Adm. Asst., Miss. Lib. Comm., Life Member
 Evans, Mrs. Mary, Catalog Lbn., Mitchell Library, State College
 Farabee, Mrs. Lina, Lbn., Pickens Branch Library
 Farr, Mrs. Eugene I., Asst. Lbn., Mississippi College
 Finger, Mary Joan, Lbn., Clarksdale High School
 Flake, Mrs. Lilly P., Lbn., Vardaman High School
 Flowers, Paul, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn. Life Member
 Flynt, Madeline, Asst. Prof. in Library Science, Miss. Southern
 French, Frances, Reference Lbn., Jackson Municipal Library
 Furr, Mrs. Frances, Chm., Board of Trustees, Pontotoc County Library
 Garmon, Mrs. Gilmer, Trustee, Lee County Library, Tupelo
 Gaston, Mabel, Lbn., Forest County High School, Brooksville
 Gates, Minnie, Lbn., Skene High School
 Graves, Mrs. Marguerite P., Children's Lbn., Clarksdale-Carnegie Public Lib.
 Greer, Mrs. W. H., Lbn., Utica High School
 Griffith, E. Faye, Asst. Lbn., Grenada County Library
 Guess, Mary Ellen, Field Lbn., Jackson Elementary Schools

Gunter, Jean, Lbn., Public Welfare Dept., State Office Building, Jackson
 Guthrie, Gretchen, Lbn., Harriette Person Memorial Library, Port Gibson
 Hall, Mrs. Gergette B., teacher-Lbn., Bay St. Louis High School
 Halsell, Willie D., Asst. Ref. Lbn., Mitchell Mem. Lib., State College
 Hamlin, Mrs. Alice, High School Lbn., Tchula
 Hanna, Sybil Ann, children's lbn., Jackson Municipal Library
 Harkins, Eleanor, Lbn., Delta State College, Cleveland
 Harrison, Mrs. W. O., Jr. High Lbn., Ellisville
 Hartin, Sykes, Director of Libraries, University
 Hatchett, Mary Alice, Asst. Lbn., Clarksdale-Carnegie Public Library
 Henley, Mrs. Mary, Trustee, Biloxi Public Library
 Herbert, Mrs. Edith Lynne, Lbn., Carr Central H. S., Vicksburg
 Hinton, Mrs. Annie Bess, Branch Sup., Capitol Area Regional Library, Raymond
 Hoff, Mrs. Herbert, Lbn., Polkville High School
 Holcomb, Mrs. Elizabeth C., Acting Lbn., Lee County Library, Tupelo
 Holladay, Ada, Lbn., Meridian Municipal Junior College
 Hosford, Mrs. Nancy, Lbn., Montgomery County Library, Winona
 Housel, James R., Director, First Regional Lib., Hernando
 Howard, Mrs. J. M., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
 Howard, Martha S., Lbn., V. A. Hospital, Jackson
 Howard, Mrs. Percy, trustee, First Regional Lib. & DeSoto Co. Lib., Lake Cormorant
 Ivy, Mrs. Newt L., Teacher-Lbn., Carter Vocational High School, Blue Springs
 James, Mildred, Lbn., Pearl River Jr. College, Poplarville
 Jenkins, Anona, Lbn., Clarksdale-Coahoma County Library
 Jennings, Mrs. C. C., Trustee, Library Commission & First Reg. Lib., Sardis
 Johnson, Mrs. Bernice, Lbn. Asst., University
 Jones, Elizabeth, Lbn., Grenada County Library
 Jones, Herman, Trustee, Lee County Library, Saltillo
 Jones, Mrs. Walker, Chmn. Lib. Board, Neshoba County Library, Philadelphia
 Jones-Williams, Marion, Asst. Lbn., MSCW, Columbus
 Kell, Mrs. Lola, Lbn., Jackson County Lib., Pascagoula
 Kemp, Mrs. T. C., Lbn., S. D. Lee Jr. High School, Columbus
 (Continued on page 21)

By Mrs. W. R. Lang

Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art, Laurel

A film society composed of 75 members has been organized by the Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art. They show old films secured from the Film Library of the Museum of Modern Art. Members are given an opportunity to see outstanding pictures of the past, unobtainable elsewhere. A few of the great films already shown are "Excuse my Dust" starring Wallace Reid; "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" starring Valentino; and "Million Dollar Legs" with W. C. Fields.

Miss Amorita Gordon, a recent added assistant, who has her degree in Art from Mississippi Southern and who is working toward her degree in Library Science, is instructing adult art classes one night each week in the Studio on the Library grounds.

Veterans Administration Center Library, Jackson

Mrs. Martha Howard, Chief Librarian, spent Christmas holidays with her husband's family in Oklahoma. On their return trip to Jackson the Howards stopped in Little Rock, Arkansas, for a visit with Mary Elizabeth Upton, Chief Librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital there. Mary Elizabeth was formerly with the Library, Mississippi Southern College, and was later a librarian at Camp Shelby.

Mississippi State Board of Health Library, Jackson

Louise Williams, Librarian, attended the Medical Library Association, Southern Regional Meeting at Austin, Texas, February 4-5, 1955. Texas hospitality was at its best, with the Texas Medical Association Memorial Library serving as host. One of the most interesting papers was by Dr. Esther M. Stillman, Professor of Library Science, University of Texas, who spoke on "The Medical Librarian and the new M.L.S. Degree Program." One of the most interesting sights was the rare book collection of the University of Texas, which ranks third in the country among university collections.

Miss Williams also visited Emory during its recent Centennial and enjoyed a tour of the A. W. Calhoun Medical Library.

Veterans Administration Center Library, Biloxi

Louisiana Special Libraries Association held its winter meeting on the Gulf Coast in December. The guest speaker was Dr. Estelle Brodman, Assistant Librarian for References Services, Armed Forces Medical Library, Washington, D. C. This group visited the Biloxi Veterans Center where a tour was made of its recreational libraries. Local librarians in attendance were Katherine Hanley, Chief Librarian of Gulfport VA Hospital, a charter member of the Louisiana Special Libraries Association; and Mrs. Reba T. Sowell, Chief Librarian, Biloxi VA Center.

Mrs. Sowell was awarded a charter membership in the American Medical Library Association in 1954 in recognition of her experience and length of commendable service in medical library work.

Miss Ann Longcoy, Assistant Librarian of the Veterans Administration Center, Biloxi, will be married March 6, 1955, to Lyle Page, a graduate of Tulane Law School, and a practicing Attorney in Biloxi.

Keesler Air Force Base Library, Biloxi

Mrs. Ruth White Scharr, Chief Librarian, Keesler AFB, and her staff held open house last quarter after new shelving and furnishings were installed in the general recreational library. Many librarians of the Gulf Coast enjoyed this happy occasion. The complimentary floral arrangements were beautiful and the displays numerous and effective. There was a large attendance of both military and civilian personnel, who browsed through the commodious library, greeting friends and enjoying the refreshments.

Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Ruth White Scharr, Keesler AFB, and Mr. Orwin Scharr, Assistant Postmaster of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, who were married January 2, 1955.

Department of Public Welfare Library

The readers who use this collection are interested in the fields of social work, juvenile delinquency, child welfare, child study, mental hygiene, public relations, public health, medicine, and family welfare. The reading material on all these subjects is progressive

and ever-increasing. For this reason there are comparatively few buckrams and many, many magazines. Our agency averages thirty-five of these periodicals per month. About two years ago, the problem arose of how to get these magazines into current library use, rather than a mere accumulation of paper. We borrowed the idea of the "Current Reading List" from the Alabama State Department of Public Welfare.

Our "Current Reading List" covers more than professional magazine reading. In addition to the itemizing of articles in the magazines, there are book reviews with notations of the books we have. News items in popular magazine articles in any of our associated fields are noted, and new books in the library are listed. There is no attempt made toward subject-classification of the articles. There are three reasons for this. One, the monthly frequency of the "List" is too short timed for subject classification; two, the title of the article is usually subject-explanatory; three, "The Library Counselor," the monthly bibliography of the Colorado State Department of Public Welfare, devotes each monthly issue to a subject in the field of social work; and it is felt that subject-analysing would be duplicating operations.

Many of our workers over the State will make their requests by author and title in a magazine and fail to mention the magazine or issue. If any librarian has this trouble with a Department of Public Welfare employee, we suggest your looking at the DPW "Current Reading List."

M L N

(Continued from page 19)

Kennedy, Mrs. Elizabeth M., Teacher-Lbn., Port Gibson High School
 Keyes, Mrs. John, Teacher-Lbn., Collins High School
 Koffman, Mrs. J. C., Asst. Lbn., Vicksburg Public Library
 Koonce, Annabelle, Library Supervisor, State Dept. of Education, Jackson
 Landrum, Mrs. Claudia S., Lbn., Mississippi College, Clinton
 Lang, Mrs. Martha Lagrone, Catalogue Lbn., Miss. Dept. of Arch. & Hist., Jackson
 Longinotti, Mrs. J. L., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
 Lott, Fay, Lbn., Fisk Public Library, Natchez
 Love, Beth, Lbn., Keesler A.F.B., Gulfport

McCullar, F. V., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
 McDonald, Mrs. Joseph, Lbn., Prentiss High School
 McLeod, Louise, Lbn., Moss Point High School
 McMillan, Grace, Lbn., Wesson Branch Public Library
 Magee, Mrs. Mary Jo, Asst. Lbn., Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg
 Magee, Mrs. S. F., Teacher-Lbn., Monticello High School
 Mansell, Rev. W. F., Trustee, Vicksburg Public Library
 Martin, Mrs. Roy L., Ref. Clerk, Capitol Area Regional Library, Raymond
 Meeks, Mrs. E. D., Lbn., Jackson-Municipal Library Branch
 Milam, Mr. L. G., Sr., Trustee, Lee County Library, Tupelo
 Miller, Mrs. Forrest A., Reference Lbn., Gulfport-Harrison Co. Library
 Miller, Lucille, Director, Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point
 Miller, Mrs. Mary Ella, Lib. Asst., Co-piah County Library, Hazlehurst
 Milner, Mattie, Extension Lbn., Miss. Lib. Comm., Jackson
 Mitchell, Guy, Jr., Trustee, Lee County Library, Tupelo
 Mitchell, Mrs. Harry, Lbn., Scott County Library, Forest
 Mitchell, Mrs. Lora, Lbn., Humphreys High School, Itta Bena
 Mitchell, Mrs. Mims, Trustee, Simpson County Library, Magee
 Montague, Mrs. Billie, Holmes Jr. College, Goodman
 Moore, Mrs. Norman R., Trustee, Vicksburg Public Library

(Continued on page 22)

M L N

CROWDED HOURS

April 4, 5, 6, 7—State PTA meeting
 April 15, 16—State meeting of Federated Women's Clubs
 April 18-19—Southeastern Adult Education Conference in Miami
 April 20—District Safety Conference in Hattiesburg (MMA and MLC, as well as local libraries)
 May 1-6—Nationwide meeting of American Heritage directors at Allerton Park, Illinois
 May 5 — Library Binding Institute, Memphis
 July 3-9—ALA, Philadelphia
 July 25-28 — Farm and Home Week, State College
 July 25-29—Mississippi Southern College's Library Workshop
 October 20, 21, 22—Mississippi Library Association meeting

(Continued from page 21)

Mogensen, Ann, Sales Mgr., Jenkins Book Co., New Orleans, La.
Moseley, Mrs. C. C., Asst. Lbn., Meridian Municipal Jr. College
Mowrey, Harvey S., Ref. & Asst. Lbn., Meridian Public Library
Murray, Mrs. Rod, Branch Lbn., Pele-hatchie
Murry, Frances, Lbn., Southwest Jr. College, Summit
Neill, Mrs. Gilbreath, Lbn., Brandon Branch Capitol Area Reg. Library
Neild, Zaidee, Lib. Supervisor, Carr Central High School, Vicksburg
O'Neal, Mrs. Alice, Lbn., Rolling Fork High School
O'Neal, Philip D., Owner, P. D. O'Neal Co., 332 Camp St., New Orleans, La.
Oswalt, Mrs. Frank, Lbn., Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College, Wesson
Peacock, Lucille, Lbn., Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen
Peeples, Marguarete, Circulation Lbn., Mitchell Memorial Lib., State College
Peeler, Mrs. John, Lbn., Ripley Public Library Branch
Pippen, Mrs. Albert C., Cir. and Reserve Lbn., Tombigbee Reg. Library, West Point
Polk, Mrs. Hazel Y., Lbn., Forest Hill High School, Jackson
Porter, Mrs. Edward H., Children's Lbn., Vicksburg Public Library
Pounders, Mrs. C. A., Lbn., Lawrence County Library, Monticello
Ramsey, Mrs. Auct M., Lbn., Cleveland High School, Merigold
Ramsey, Mrs. Jane V., Bookmobile Lbn., Capitol Area Reg. Library, Raymond
Rea, Katherine, Lbn., Bailey Jr. High School, Jackson
Reed, Mrs. Wilbur, Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
Rhyne, Mrs. Ida Lou, Lbn., Holmes County Library, Durant
Riggs, Mrs. Virginia M., Lbn., Central High School, Jackson
Robbins, Mary Harwell, Asst. Cataloger, Clarksdale Public Library
Robbins, Willie Dee, Lbn., Fisk Public Library, Natchez
Roberts, Anna M., Lbn., Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg
Robinson, Elizabeth, Starkville, Life Member, Retired
Robinson, Virginia, Asst. Lbn., MSCW, Columbus
Rogers, Mae, Lbn., Pascagoula High School
Rowzee, Mrs. Gertrude, Lbn., Hinds Jr. College, Raymond
Sample, Mrs. Jane D., State Manager, Field Enterprises, Pickens
Schwindaman, Jean W., W. A. Percy Memorial Library, Greenville

Shearer, Mrs. Willie H., Secretary, Capitol Area Regional Lib., Raymond
Shelton, Mrs. Hazel, Trustee, First Regional Library, Oxford
Shelton, Mrs. Rosalie, Lbn., Goodman Branch Library
Sherard, Mary, Lbn., Vicksburg Public Library
Simmons, Mrs. Benjamin, Lbn., Copiah County Library, Hazlehurst
Smith, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Asst. Lbn., Greenwood-Leflore Public Library
Smith, Mrs. Bertha B., Asst. Lbn., Lincoln County Library, Brookhaven
Smith, Mrs. Maude A., Cir. Lbn., Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg
Smith, Nellie Ford, Asst. Lbn., Miss. College, Clinton
Smith, Mrs. Roy L., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
Sneed, Pearl, Lbn., Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson
Snelling, Clarence, Charles M. Gardner Co., Denham Springs, La.
Sowell, Marion Joyce, Asst. Lbn., N. B. Regional Library, Corinth
Sullivan, Mrs. Jane E., Lbn., Hawkins Jr. High Library, Hattiesburg
Swetnam, Charlotte, Asst. Lbn., Livingston Park Branch Library, Jackson
Taylor, Mrs. W. P., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
Teller, Landman, Trustee, Vicksburg Public Library
Thames, James, Trustee, Vicksburg Public Library
Thomas, Mrs. Merry, Lbn., Magnolia High School
Thompson, Mrs. H. L., Lbn., Louisville High School
Thompson, Louise K., Curator, Mississippi Collection, University
Turman, Mrs. W. F., Trustee, First Regional Library, Horn Lake
Trapp, Mrs. O. T., Jr., Asst. Lbn., Lee County Library, Tupelo
Trevilion, Louise, Cir. Lbn., Clarksdale Carnegie Library
Tripp, Mrs. Mary K., Bookkeeper, Gulfport Public Library
Turner, Maude, Lbn., Mims Williams Memorial Library, Magee
Van Keuren, Mrs. R. K., Trustee, Holmes County Library, Durant
Vardaman, Elizabeth, Periodicals Lbn., Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg
Vaughn, Mrs. Esther, Clerical Asst., Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point
Vaughn, Mrs. Pauline, Lib. Asst., Lincoln County Library, Brookhaven
Viverette, Mattie Mae, Lbn., Jones County Jr. College, Ellisville
Wilder, Mrs. Annette B., Lbn., Demas School, Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg

(Continued on page 30)

021.4

or
374.24*American Heritage Project*

MISSISSIPPI VERSION

by Mrs. C. C. Clark

On February 8, 1955 Ruth Warncke, Director and R. E. Dooley, Field Worker for A.L.A. American Heritage Project, met with librarians and others who sponsor the Project in Mississippi. The conference was held at the Library Commission in Jackson and was directed by Mr. Dooley assisted by Miss Warncke. The following article indicates the trend of thinking with regard to the value of the discussion group project, it's continuation and it's expansion to include broader aspects of adult education. Those attending were: Jeanne Broach and Mrs. I. W. Mann, Meridian; Elenora Gralow, Brookhaven; Elizabeth Holcomb and Mrs. Ben. Curry, Tupelo; James R. Housel, Hernando; Mrs. Eugenia Hudson, Olive Branch; Anona Jenkins and Mrs. Stovall Lowry, Clarksdale; Ruby Lyells and James Gooden, Jackson; Lucile Miller, West Point; Maria Person, Gulfport; Mrs. Ben. Simmons, Hazlehurst and Fred Witty, Greenwood. Commission staff members attending were: Lura Currier, Martha Couty, Kay Cooley, Eunice Eley, Mattie Milner and Mrs. C. C. Clark.

We met, we "reviewed with pride." we "looked at by-products" and we knitted our brows over "toward what future goals." The American Heritage Project librarians said with certainty at a February 8 meeting, "We have reached the 'point of no return'; the only way now is ahead."

We reviewed with pride

"People responded enthusiastically and happily to the fact that it (the AH discussion group) is not an action group. They didn't have to get out and do something about something. It was just an airing of ideas. And we learned that people in our community had ideas never before expressed."

"Most group members who followed through saw the necessity of examining the many aspects of problems and issues from an objective rather than a subjective point of view. We have actual evidence that this attitude influenced thinking and individual action."

"It led us to see the other side of the race question. That we (the Negro) are the offended ones, is a prevailing attitude. The discussion group made us see that other people have problems too. It was a surprise to some when visitors (white) came, to find that they are just people too."

"A group member said his ideas hadn't changed, but he had become interested in learning about other's ideas. It took him three years to be willing

to listen." (We say, that's something isn't it?)

"The AH discussion groups contributed much to understanding the rights and responsibilities of all Americans. However, our group felt if we are to make real progress toward better understanding and relationships we would need to have some interracial discussion groups. Our group has begun to talk about that, but we are just on the ground floor."

"Our community seems to feel that American Heritage is their project whether they attend a discussion group or not."

We looked at by-products

Group members, challenged by the AH discussion method re-evaluated program techniques in other organizations to which they belonged, with some results:

"They realized that the program leader (of their organizations) did too much participating. They came to the Library to find out how AH trained its leaders. We worked with these people and feel that we gave valuable assistance in program planning."

"For years we faced a stone-wall resistance to any type of program except the speech. This year the last meeting of (name withheld) was the first real group participation meeting ever held. It was the first meeting also where I

(Continued on page 24)

(Continued from page 23)
could not get them to go home. As a result, many clubs come to us for help. We found that the AH idea makes a difference in all program planning in those organizations that ask for assistance."

"The public was appreciative of the fact that the Library at last was doing something specific for adults. And furthermore, it opened to us at the library additional ways by which we could serve adults."

"Learning the proper discussion methods has reached into the adult Sunday School classes in our town. Also we go requests from two specialized fields asking for assistance in organizing a discussion group and giving help in material selection."

From a veteran leader:

"Library service took on a 'new look' for me. I see it now as a potential clearing house on community issues and problems not dealt with elsewhere. I had not known before a place where purely unbiased data could be found. The Library has no particular cause to promote; therefore, it is able to furnish information on all aspects of problems, and an opportunity to talk about them with other interested people. I say the library ought to take courage and make even larger use of this great power in an age when many serious problems face us."

Toward what future goals

Financial assistance to the Mississippi American Heritage Project from A.L.A. ceases August 31, 1955. While the "divorce" is real, legal "alimony" will be paid in services of varied kind. Ruth Warncke, at present Director of the A.L.A. American Heritage Project, attended the February 9 conference. She announced that on September 1 of this year, she will become director of a more inclusive program, the LIBRARY-COMMUNITY PROJECT. An enlarged staff at A.L.A. Headquarters in the Office of Adult Education will make possible services of a non-financial nature to continuing our AH discussion groups and initiating other types of adult education projects in Mississippi.

Lura G. Currier, Director of the Mississippi Library Commission, stated at the February 9 conference that from the budgetary point of view a coordinator of adult education services could be added to the staff, provided the librarians who had participated in the AH project felt its continuation and expansion justified such a channeling of Commission funds. They did.

With these possibilities of assistance, every librarian present expressed inten-

tions of continuing the AH discussion groups, and a number expressed hopes for expanded services such as discussion groups in other subject fields, program planning clinics, aids in methods, techniques and materials for community organizations.

The outstanding needs expressed by the librarians to implement these hopes were: (1) Mimeographed and printed matter on program planning, discussion techniques, bibliographies, promotion, recruiting and publicity. (2) Newsletters, both National and State with general features as well as exchange of information and ideas. (3) Consultant services from A.L.A. (4) Leadership training. Six leaders trained under AH volunteered for training other leaders. A leader conference for these volunteers is in the picture. (5) Coordination of all library adult education activities at state level. (6) The need for discussion and program materials. The presently owned AH material is sufficient and usable for a long while. The MLC will be able to contribute some to the needs for new materials. (7) Need for periodic conferences of librarians engaged in adult education services. The necessity for such conferences was highlighted by Miss Warncke who said, "... (retiring non-grant areas) didn't do enough of this kind of thing. Make every effort to call librarians together. After all the library is the continuing organization."

The feeling of the group may be expressed in the words of a participant, "The more than three years of assistance and guidance from A.L.A. has paid off in more specialized information, more workable techniques, and better avenues of understanding cooperation

(Cont'd. on page 31)

HAVE YOU JOINED UP?

or, News About Dues

Mississippi Library Association

individual dues \$1.00; send to Miss Sybil Hanna, Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson, Miss.

American Library Association

dues pro-rated according to salary; send to American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Illinois

Southeastern Library Association

dues for individuals \$2.00; send to Georgia School of Technology Library, Atlanta

Adult Education Association of the USA

individual dues (for some purposes) \$5; send to 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

More

and

More

LIBRARIANS

ARE LOOKING FOR JUVENILE TITLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
IN LIBRARY BINDINGS FROM THE ORIGINAL PUBLISHERS.

T H E

JENKINS

B O O K

C O M P A N Y

CARRIES THE FOLLOWING SUCH LINES IN STOCK:

E. M. Hale's Cadmus Books and Landmark Books
Simon & Schuster's Little, Big, and Giant Golden Books
in Goldenraft Binding
Bobbs Merrill's Childhood of Famous Americans Series
Childrens Press Books, Library Binding
Doubleday's Prebound Juveniles
Doubleday's Real Book Series, Library Binding
Aladdin Books, Library Binding
Holiday House Books, Library Binding
Wm. R. Scott Books, Library Binding

These Are Good Buys — Excellent Titles

SEND US YOUR ORDER

WRITE US FOR CATALOGS

THE JENKINS BOOK COMPANY

740 St. Charles Ave.

NEW ORLEANS 12, LOUISIANA

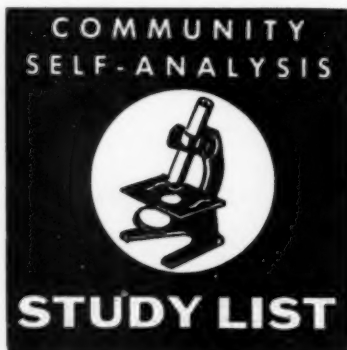
LIBRARIES AID COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The intense interest throughout the state in community development furnishes an unusual opportunity for librarians in all types of libraries to perform a very real service. Reproduced below is the cover, front and back, of a bibliography just issued. The information here answers all of the who, how, why, and what-for questions about the Study List. Copies of it are available in quantity from the Library Commission (and in the local public libraries) to any librarian participating in community development programs:

IF . . . you want to dig deeper
into the questions of community
analysis posed by

TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY

*A Guide for Ambitious People
Wanting Better Communities*



READ . . . Books and Pamphlets
to get more information about basic
problems

LOOK . . . at Films
to see how these problems may be
or have been, solved

This **STUDY GUIDE** of
BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND FILMS

is issued for
**THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM**

of the
Mississippi Economic Council

by the
Mississippi Library Commission

with funds from a special grant by
The American Library Association
for a library-industry project

(Continued from page 7)

for her varying duties including book-ordering, classifying and cataloging, supervision of the welfare library and the vertical files. All of the books are shelved in the south wing of the offices (and at this writing there is even shelf room for all the books!) Administrative offices have all been "lined up" in the back where were formerly the Heritage office and conference room. The director, the administrative assistant, the field staff and the secretary are at work in this area with the door at the end of the hall serving as the entrance to the administrative offices. Work space has been made available for mimeographing, for posters and displays and for housing of the audio-visual equipment. As we were conducting a distinguished visitor through our offices we stumbled a bit in describing this last set-up. He came to the rescue with this awe-inspiring name for it: Graphic Arts Department. That may be a little pretentious for the two or three pieces of cardboard, one set of mitten letters and two speed-ball pens, but it does sound sophisticated. Anyway we hope that all of *Library News* readers will come to see us and let us have the pleasure of taking you on the new tour.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Vicksburg furnished a perfect setting for the meeting of the Society for the fourteenth annual meeting February 25-26, 1955. Headquarters for meetings were at the Vicksburg Hotel but sessions were held in various locations throughout the city which allowed delegates to see the historic old river town so redolent of the romantic steamboat days and an earlier era and of the Civil War period.

President William Winter, Grenada, directed the well planned program which included items of interest on the state's history and also Mississippi history in the making. Some of the prominent program participants were: Dr. James W. Silver, University; Dr. Ross Moore, Millsaps College; Dr. Bell I. Wiley, Emory University; George McLean, Editor, Tupelo Journal; Thomas Hal Phillips, Author; and James R. McConaghie, National Park Superintendent.

Food was abundant and delicious with that real southern flavor served by The Vicksburg Hotel, Tuminello's Kitchen and by The Old Southern Tea Room at the Warren County Museum in the old Court House. Social features included teas at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everett and at All Saint's College; a presentation of the showboat play—"Gold in The Hills" by the Vicksburg Little Theater—a farce-comedy of the early river days presented with assistance from the audience, jeers for the villain, and cheers for the hero and much peanut (goober) throwing and cracking.

Libraries were well represented at the meeting by: Mrs. Annette Wilder, Mississippi Southern Demonstration School; Willie Dee Robbins, State College Library; Florence Eisele, Carpenter Library, Natchez; Gertrude Rowzee, Hinds Junior College Library; Zaidee Neal and Mary Sherrod, Vicksburg and Eunice May, Mississippi Library Commission. Among some of the trustees present were: Mrs. H. B. Drane, Natchez; Mrs. Florence Sillers Ogden, Rosedale and Rev. Wm. F. Mansell, Vicksburg.

The president-elect for the Historical Society is Hodding Carter, Greenville.

Follett

LIBRARY BOUND BOOKS

Outstanding Childrens Books

Popular Teen-Age Books

Popular Reprints

Our representative, Mr. Chas. R. Follett, will be calling on you soon.

FOLLETT LIBRARY BOOK COMPANY

(Division of Wilcox & Follett Co.)

1255 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Illinois

LIBRARY BINDING INSTITUTE COMES SOUTH

Mississippi librarians will have a geographical advantage this year if they wish to attend the annual meeting of the Library Binding Institute. It is scheduled for Memphis, Tennessee, on May 5. This is the 19th Annual Joint Session of Librarians and Library Binders. A Workshop program is planned for that day with ALA President-Elect John Richards presiding over a panel discussion. Librarians on the program include many library leaders from the South and Southwest, among which are Arless Nixon, now of Fort Worth, formerly of Mobile; Evelyn Mullen, head of Public Library Service in Alabama; and last year's MLA conference guest; Louise Meredith of Tennessee, last year's MEA speaker; Allie Beth Martin formerly of Arkansas and now president of Oklahoma Library Association; Dorothy Shaw, neighbor from Louisiana; Dr. Fitzgerald of Nashville. Lura Currier of the Mississippi Library Commission will also participate on the program.

— M L N —

LOUISIANA LIBRARIANS MEET

Baton Rouge was the scene of the 1955 meeting of the Louisiana Library Association with headquarters at the Bellmont Hotel. Featured speakers included Robert Vesper, Director of Libraries, University of Kansas. L. Quincey Mumford, of the American Library Association was the speaker on Saturday. Jeanne Broach of the Meridian Public Library, Kay Cooley and Lura Currier of the Commission staff attended the meeting. Mrs. Currier spoke to the Public Librarians' Section on the subject of cooperative efforts among adult educators and the librarians' part in such activities. The title of her speech was "Under What Umbrella."

— M L N —

Maria Person, Gulfport, and Mary Sherrod, Vicksburg, have just returned from a Caribbean cruise and report that vacationing in the islands is the very thing for real fun, rest and relaxation. A similar cruise was taken recently by Kate Baxter, division Manager of Field Enterprises.

ADULT EDUCATORS MEET IN MIAMI

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Adult Education Association will be held in Miami, Florida, April 17-19. Convention headquarters will be the Columbus Hotel. Program details come from Earle Gaddis, State Home Demonstration Agent and Mississippi Executive Committee member. One of the highlights that Miss Gaddis announces is a symposium Monday morning on "How to Handle Controversial Issues." Hodding Carter will be among the speakers appearing on the program. The increasing role that libraries are playing in adult education activities will perhaps lend encouragement to a large attendance of librarians at this meeting.

— M L N —

NEW BUILDING OPEN

Congratulations are in order for Memphis on the completion of their new main library building. The Commercial Appeal of March 6 carried a full page feature spread of information and illustrations about this magnificent new structure. This represents a climax to a life time of service for Librarian Jesse Cunningham. His Mississippi associates are proud of the recent achievements of the Memphis Library System.

— M L N —

LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS

Exciting news from the Pacific Northwest reveals that Washington State Library got its four-point legislative program through the Washington Legislature 100%. A strong committee of the Washington Library Association pushed through money for a new state library building, increased budget for service to the blind, increased operating budget for the State Library and a restoration of state aid funds, and permissive legislation for the rural library districts to issue bonds for building purposes. The statewide organizational features of their legislative campaign centering in a strong Association Committee merit study by others who are confronted soon with just such a problem—interesting members of the Legislature in the importance of library service to every citizen of the state. And congratulations, Washington!

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Mississippi may have another Grandma Moses in the making. As reported under College News in this issue, Virginia Robinson, assistant librarian, had the first exhibit of her paintings at the art gallery at M.S.C.W. recently in connection with panel displays by the Mississippi Chapter of the Institute of Architects. Virginia began painting as a hobby in July, 1950, at the art colony at Laguna Beach, California. She is self-taught through her observation of nature and study of paintings in galleries.

Except for advice and encouragement from M.S.C.W. art faculty members and from two California artists, she has received no instruction. Marine painting is her chief interest, but her pictures cover a range of subjects selected from wide travels. Two old water mills are interesting. Bale's Mill, famous for its 44-foot water wheel, is located in Napa Valley, California. Wash Smith's Mill is still in operation near Sulligent, Ala. She has other paintings of regional interest. Ralph M. Hudson, head of the art department at M.S.C.W., says of Miss Robinson's painting, "She possesses unusual facility in suggesting turbulence of water in the seascapes. Her landscapes show remarkable skill in observation and an even more remarkable ability in abstraction and synthesis. Few self-taught artists who have been painting a short time develop so soon the ability to paint the essential aspects of a scene and avoid detail-by-detail representation — her paintings have none of the primitive quality usually found in the work of artists who have not had some professional training."

Tales from Taber

Passing through the Pillars of Hercules, Casablanca, Marseille, Genoa, Venice, Rijeka, Trieste and Istanbul are only a part of the exciting experiences Fanny Tabor is having. Since retiring from the staff of the Library Commission last October, Miss Taber sailed by freighter from Savannah, Georgia, and writes wonderful accounts of her travel adventures across the Atlantic and the blue Mediterranean. One account tells of the beauties of Venice, the interesting and unusual sights and conditions in Yugoslavia and social life with the ship's crew, some of whom return to the ship, after each landing, not too steady on their feet; of her partial success in being able to interpret the menu sufficiently to get something to eat, but not always what she thought she ordered; of the language difficulty, though a good many people speak a dialect which they call "English"; of the eventual landing in Greece where she has spent the winter months. The last letter comes from Rome, which she says is an overpowering city with its wealth of art treasures and many beautiful and wonderful sights to see. From Rome she will go to Florence and Naples then to Spain for the spring months.

In every letter Miss Taber asks about Mississippi libraries and librarians whom she came to know and became fond of while working in the state.

"Bound to Stay Bound" Quality

--- and the ultimate in service
at LOWER PRICES.

Prebound prices have been lowered on 1955 Juvenile titles listed in our Spring Catalog (ready about February 1st). If this Catalog does not reach you, please request one.

NEW METHOD BOOK BINDERY, Inc.

Jacksonville, Illinois

Irene Graham from Cincinnati has been appointed head librarian of the new University Medical School and Teaching Hospital in Jackson. Since receiving a degree from the University of Illinois Library School in 1953 Miss Graham has been medical librarian at the University of Cincinnati. She is spending some time at the University of Mississippi Library and visiting hospital libraries in the south before assuming her duties in Jackson June first.

IT'S HOW YOU READ IT!

"Mrs. Eley, I will go ahead and send your name in as hostess from Mississippi to serve at the smorgasbord on Monday night." That's all the letter said.

If you got a letter like this, wouldn't you think that you were being asked to serve potato salad, pickles, chocolate eclairs, or some such?

That's what Eunice Eley thought when she was asked to serve as hostess from Mississippi at the smorgasbord during the Southeastern Adult Education Association conference in Miami in April.

Was she in for a shock?

Smorgasbord, as used in adult education circles, has nothing to do with food. It's a word used loosely to mean an informal discussion session, broken down into small groups.

At the Miami conference, Mrs. Eley

will be presiding at a discussion session on community organization, and not serving up hors d'oeuvres.

Mary Elizabeth Flinn, who has been head librarian of the William Alexander Percy Memorial Library, Greenville, for the past several years has resigned to become librarian at the Greenville Air Force Base. Mrs. Lucy Crittendon, former assistant librarian, has been appointed to the head position in the public library.

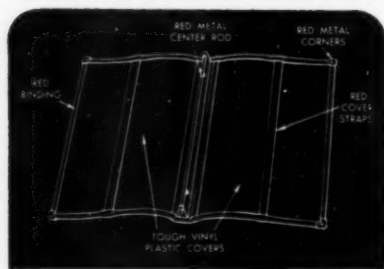
M L N

(Continued from page 22)

Williams, E. Louise, Lbn., Medical Library, State Board of Health, Jackson
Williams, Raymond D., Trustee, First Regional Library, Senatobia
Wolverton, Mrs. Georgia, Lbn., Capitol Area Reg. Lib., Sebastapol
Wood, Ludie, Lbn., Pontotoc County Library
Young, E. H., Dixie Book Bindery, Jackson, Miss.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Canton High School, Canton, Q/Milla Collins, Lbn.
Capitol Area Regional Library, Raymond, Manie Berry, Director
Clarksdale-Carnegie Public Library, Anona Jenkins, Lbn.
First Regional Library, Hernando, James R. Housel, Director
Fisk Public Library, Natchez, Willie Dee Robbins, Lbn.
Hinds Junior College Library, Raymond, Mrs. Gertrude Powzee, Lbn.
Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson, Pearl Sneed, Lbn.
Jenkins Book Co., New Orleans, La.
Meridian Municipal Junior College, Meridian, Ada Holladay, Lbn.
Meridian Public Library, Meridian, Jeanne D. Broach, Lbn.
Mississippi College, Clinton, Mrs. Claudia Landrum, Lbn.
Mississippi Library Commission, Mrs. Lura Currier, Director
National Library Bindery, Atlanta, Ga., Zack G. Haygood, General Mgr.
Picayune Public Library, Picayune, Mrs. C. O. Underwood, Lbn.
St. John School, Gulfport, Sister M. Adelaide R.S.M., Lbn.
Siler's Book Co., Inc., New Orleans, La., Russell A. Jones, representative
Southern Library Bindery, Nashville, Tenn.
Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point, Lucille Miller, Lbn.
Union County Library, New Albany, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Lbn.
Vardaman High School, Vardaman, Mrs. Horace Flake, Teacher-Lbn.



New MAGAZINE PROTECTORS

with Vinyl Plastic Covers

5 Times tougher than previous style
Covers will not crack!

Please write for complete details.



Gaylord Bros. Inc.

LIBRARY SUPPLIES

SYRACUSE • NEW YORK

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARIANS IN PRINT

Jackson's new Municipal Library provides the feature material for the Buildings and Equipment Section of *Library Journal*, March 15, 1955. Included also is information about the two branch libraries: Livingston Park which has been open for service to the public since January, 1953 and the new Carver Branch upon which construction is scheduled to begin this spring. Five illustrations accompany the article, 2 interiors of the downtown building and three exterior; the architect's drawing of the proposed Carver Branch; and an outside view of the Livingston Park building.

Then, in the same issue of *Library Journal* Interlaken Mills has featured the new Municipal Library, showing a beautiful view of the front of the building. Accompanied by a photograph in-
set of Pearl Sneed, Jackson librarian, the article makes a summation of the basic building facts as well as a history of the Jackson Public Library.

The lead article in *Wilson's Library Bulletin* for March, 1955, is written by Laura G. Currier. Entitled *Don't Get a Horse* it is an adaptation of the speech made by Mrs. Currier at Southwestern Library Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Its theme is revealed in one of the questions: "What does it take to sell a first-rate library program to a growing area?"

American Heritage's *Newsletter*, coming from ALA's Chicago office, carries this direct quote: "And in Brookhaven, Mississippi, the librarian (Elena Gralow) wrote: 'The attendance was small because we changed the date, but everyone enjoyed the discussion exceedingly and everyone participated. That's the way with these discussion meetings—they are like heaven. You have to beat people to get them in, but they sure enjoy it after they get there.'"

Elizabeth Holcombe made *Library Journal* in the issue of March 1 with an article about the A. M. Strange Branch Library. (That's the same library that made the cartoon section of the Sunday Commercial Appeal a year or so ago. At that time—wasn't it in Dixie Doodlings?—*Library News* commented 'When you can get in the comic section of the paper, you've arrived!') The picture accompanying the article is a candidate for the Department of Utter Confusion, but editorial slip-ups do occur. And the generous publicity given Mississippi libraries by national magazines overshadows an erroneous by-line.

Another article appears in this same issue of *Library Journal* written by Dorothy McAllister. A similar version of this same article appeared in *Library News* in September, 1953. It is on the subject of library service in Mississippi to the colored race. The most encouraging aspect of the article is that it is, by now, out of date. That means that since its compilation in 1953 considerable progress has been made in the attempts of public librarians to reach all of their people.

Ruth Price is not exactly in print these days, but she is surrounded by it. Resigning her position as bookkeeper-secretary to the Library Commission staff in February, Miss Price opened a bookshop next door to the new Jackson Municipal Library. Since its windows look right out on the library's patio, the new business has been appropriately named *THE PATIO BOOKSHOP*.

High honor has come to Dr. German Garcia, one of Mississippi's favorite guests and chief librarian in Bahia Blanca, Argentina. He has been made Director of UNESCO'S Pilot Public Library in Medellin, Colombia. Second such library in the world (the first was established in Delhi, India) this is the first one of its kind in South America. Dr. Garcia spent a week in Mississippi while he was a recent guest of the State Department in this country. During his visit here he went to many of the libraries in the state, was a guest in several homes, and visited discussion groups. After he left Mississippi, from every section of the country came back reports of the complimentary things he had to say about the public library service that he witnessed here. Many of his remarks have been quoted frequently but the one that has stayed with librarians here longer, and the one that left a real challenge to live up to was this observation: "Here you librarians work from the heart; that spirit of service money can't buy."

(Cont'd. from page 24)

between A.L.A. and the local library." We would add that what is best of all, we have librarians with courage, faith and willingness to work and venture into new and larger areas of programming. There is only one way to go and that is FORWARD. We cannot fail!

University of Michigan
Department of Library Science
Ann Arbor, Michigan



THE NEW ORLEANS NEWS COMPANY

Division of

The American News Company, Inc.

**We Serve Southern Mississippi, Including Jackson,
Meridian and Vicksburg**

●
Wholesale Distributors of Books for 90 Years

●
Prompt and Individual Book Service to Libraries

●
Subscriptions to all Magazines and Periodicals handled
with expedition.

1111 South Peters St.

New Orleans, La.